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1. A method of providing an interface with displayable
computer files on a computer display, said method comprising
5 the steps of:

(1) displaying a first displayable file on said
computer display in a manner customized by an operator of said
computer;

(2) storing data indicating a value of at least one
10 attribute of the manner in which said first file was displayed
associated with data indicating a type of said first file; and

(3) when a next file of the type of said first file
is opened by an operator for display, displaying said next
15 file having the same value of said attribute as said first
file.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein step (2) comprises
storing said value when said first file is closed by said
operator.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein said value that is
20 stored in step (2) is the value of said attribute when said
first file was closed.

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4. The method of claim 1 wherein the value that is stored in step (2) is the value of said attribute at a time selected by said operator.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein said attribute is a size of a window within which said first file was displayed.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein said attribute further comprises a position of said window within said computer display.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said attribute further comprises a position of said window within said computer display.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein said file type comprises a file name extension of said first file.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein said extension comprises multiple extensions.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein step (3) comprises reading said table to determine said attribute.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein said storing step comprises storing said data as an attribute table comprising a

plurality of data entries relating file types to attribute values.

12. The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

5 (4) displaying a second displayable file simultaneously with said first file on said computer display in a manner selected by said operator;

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10 (5) storing data associated with said type of said first file indicating at least a type of said second file relative to said first file; and

15 (6) when a next file of the type of said first file is opened for display, automatically opening a next file of the same type as said second file and having the same relationship to said next file as said second file had to said first file.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein step (5) comprises storing said type of said second file when said first file is closed by said operator.

20 14. The method of claim 13 further comprising the steps of:

(7) storing data indicating a value of at least one attribute of said second file, said data associated with said

type of said second file and with said type of said first file; and

(8) when a next file of the same type as said first file is opened by an operator, assigning said next file of the same type as said second file the same value for said attribute of said second file.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein step (7) comprises storing said value when said first file is closed by said operator.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein said value that is stored in step (7) is the value of said attribute when said first file was closed.

17. The method of claim 12 wherein the value that is stored in step (7) is the value of said attribute at a time selected by said operator.

18. The method of claim 14 wherein said attribute of said second file comprises a size of a window within which said second file was displayed.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein said attribute of said second file further comprises a position of said window.

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20. The method of claim 14 wherein said attribute of said second file further comprises a position of said window.

21. A computer program for providing an interface with displayable computer files on a computer display, said program comprising:

(1) means for determining a value of at least one display attribute of a first displayable file on a computer;

(2) means for determining a type of said first file;

(3) means for storing said value associated with data indicating said type of said first file; and

(3) means for displaying a next file of the same type as said first file using the same value of said attribute as said first file when a next file of the type of said first file is opened.

22. The computer program of claim 21 wherein said means for storing comprises means for storing said value of said attribute when said first file was closed.

23. The computer program of claim 22 wherein said file type comprises a file name extension of said first file.

24. The computer program of claim 21 wherein said means for storing comprises means for storing said data as an

attribute table comprising a plurality of data entries relating file types to attribute values.

25. The computer program of claim 21 further comprising:
means for determining a value of at least one

5 display attribute of a second displayable file on a computer that is displayed simultaneously with said first file;

means for determining a type of said second file;

means for storing data associated with said type of said first file indicating at least said type of said second file relative to said first file and said at least one attribute of said second file; and

means for automatically opening a next file of the same type as said second file and having the same relationship to said next file as said second file had to said first file when a next file of the type of said first file is opened for display.

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